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Farmers' market returns

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market will return to Minden, in a modified fashion, on Saturday, June 13 and to its other locations in the county later in the month.

During a May 28 meeting, Minden Hills councillors received correspondence from the farmers' market association with its plan to resume operations for the summer of 2020, with social distancing protocols put in place amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. That plan had been approved by the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

While the farmers' market in Minden typically takes place in the municipal parking lot off of Milne Street, it will be moved to the fairgrounds this summer to allow for adequate social distancing. Foot traffic will also flow in one direction.

"The health unit has reviewed the proposal and they have approved, with some added guidelines for social distancing," clerk Vicki Bull told councillors, adding the only addition township staff had made to the resolution was for the association to provide a certificate of insurance, which is always required.

"The farmers' market is extremely excited with the proposal."

"As we all are," said Mayor Brent Devolin,

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For the love of tennis

Lori Sparks serves while playing tennis during women's doubles at the tennis courts on Thursday, May 28 in Minden. Women are invited to join the group, which plays weekly from Tuesday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. See more photos on page 2. /DARREN LUM Staff

HHWT to re-open June 16

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, operated by the Township of Algonquin Highlands, will re-open on June 16.

The provincial government announced on Friday, May 29 that backcountry camping on Crown land could resume on Monday, June 1. The water trails system includes Crown property, and as Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt said in a social media post, the short-notice announcement took the township off guard, and that it will require a couple of weeks to prepare.

"There's an awful lot of prep work that needs doing but with so many unknowns around the various restrictions, summer staff haven't been brought on yet because it was impossible to know what work they might be doing, or when," Moffatt wrote.

The township's emergency operations committee met on Monday and in a subsequent press release, the township announced the water trails system would re-open to the public on Tuesday, June 16.

"Reservations will be accepted online or through the call centre only and can be made starting on Wednesday, June 3," the release reads. "Social distancing guidelines must be adhered to and provincial group size restrictions are limited to a maximum of five people, unless they are from the same household. The trails office located at the St. Nora Lake access point at 20130 Highway 35 will remain closed to the public, no in-person transactions or interactions with staff are possible, and no equipment rentals will be available until further notice."

To make a campsite reservation, visit <https://hhwt.goingtocamp.com>, or call 1-866-364-4498.

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Social distancing protocols to be implemented

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“to get back into [some normalcy], hopefully the warm weather will give them a good start on this.”

Councillors quickly and unanimously supported the proposal.

The market will open in Minden on June 13 and run on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. In Haliburton Village, it will run on Tuesday from noon until 4 pm. Commencing June 16, and in Stanhope, it will run on Fridays commencing on June 26, also noon until 4 p.m.

U-Links still helping with research needs

If your organization could benefit from research performed by university students, the U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research continues to accept proposals for research projects amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

“U-Links Centre for Community-Based Research is looking at how we can best adapt to and assist with current challenges facing our community,” reads correspondence from U-Links. “This is where our community partners, like you, come in. Our research projects with Trent University and Fleming College are based on community needs and community idea generation. We are still able to coordinate research projects in a safe manner and we are accepting proposals for projects for the 2020/2021 academic year. We would love to hear how we can help you help our community.”

Research proposals could include subject matter related to adapting to a post-COVID-19 world.

“Would your organization benefit from data collection and analysis of an aspect of our current situation?” the correspondence reads. “Could you use some help looking ahead to what a new normal could be and would a scan or evaluation of what similar organizations are piloting be useful to you?” Inquiries and proposals can be sent to Daniela at admin@ulinks.ca, or to Mystaya at mtouw@ulinks.ca.

Staff

MH hires new CAO

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills has hired a new chief administrative officer, who will start in the position July 6. The township has been in the process of recruiting a new CAO during the past few months, and Mayor Brent Devolin announced during a May 28 online council meeting that Trisha McKibbin had been hired as the township’s top staff member. “She comes to us with over 17 years of municipal experience,” Devolin said, explaining McKibbin has worked for

various municipalities in the province including most recently the Town of St. Marys, where she’s been the director of corporate services for the past 12 years.

“She is not unfamiliar with our part of the province,” Devolin said, adding McKibbin has been coming to Twelve Mile Lake for the past decade or so.

“This is an exciting day,” he said. “These processes always take a substantial amount of time and during the COVID crisis, I want to thank all the members of council and staff and others that have made this happen.”

Current CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard, who’s filled the combined role for the past six years, will remain with the township as head of the finance department.

Sanctuary gets chance at pigeons

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

While Minden Hills councillors had been on the precipice of hiring a company to trap and euthanize a flock of pigeons living in downtown Minden and roosting in the former theatre along Water Street, after receiving correspondence from the Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, council will let the sanctuary attempt to deal with the birds.

“I think we should consult with them before we take any action, financial, on this,” Councillor Pam Sayne said dur-

ing a May 28 meeting, councillors having just received correspondence from the sanctuary the day before.

Other councillors were in agreement.

“I saw the email and rather than going out and just killing them, I wouldn’t mind trying some different options, and hopefully they could help us out, and it sounded like they were offering to help,” said Deputy Mayor Lisa Schell. “Financially, it would be beneficial, but also beneficial to the pigeons if we maybe just educate people right now, too, and ask that they not be fed, and that we board up that building where they seem to be roosting at the highest amount.”

The township will contact the new owner of the theatre building about having the building sealed off.



Minden holds court

Above, Barb Millington, at right, serves while her teammate Lori Sparks, left, looks on while playing women's doubles at the tennis courts on Thursday, May 28 in Minden. /DARREN LUM Staff



Left, Jane Boyd volleys her return during women's doubles action at the tennis courts.

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Minden 50s Diner opening a protest, owner says

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Jason Lake, the owner of the Minden 50s Diner, said that opening to some sit-down customers at his restaurant on Friday, May 29 was a form of protest against provincial restrictions amid the COVID-19 pandemic, but the health unit and OPP say there was no evidence he actually did.

Under current provincial restrictions, restaurants are able to be open for take-out and delivery only.

On the morning of May 29, umbrellas were up on the diner's deck, with some people seated outside.

"You can walk into pretty much any big box store here, locally . . . and walk around and do whatever you want," Lake told the *Times*, adding that restaurants should be given the chance to implement social distancing procedures. "We have more control," Lake said, pointing out that in a restaurant, customers are stationary.

The week prior, Lake had broadcast on his business's Facebook page that he intended to open despite the provincial order, saying



Jason Lake, owner of the Minden 50s Diner, said on May 29 he was opening to dine-in traffic in defiance of provincial restrictions, but the health unit and OPP say they found no evidence on which to lay charges. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

his business couldn't afford to lose any more money. While there has been some financial assistance from the government, Lake says it doesn't go far enough.

"Our season here is four months," he said, explaining the bulk of his income is made during May, June, July and August.

"I've had a couple of warnings," Lake said, telling the *Times* he'd received correspondence from a public health agency referring him to the provincial legislation saying he is not to open the restaurant's dining room. He said OPP cruisers had also been circling the

restaurant.

When the *Times* contacted Lake just before 10 a.m. on May 29, he said he'd had a few customers, and that they were just about to leave.

"I think that's all I'm going to do for today," he said, explaining he was trying to make a statement.

Later that morning, the diner was visited by inspectors from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit and members of the OPP. At that time, no fines were laid for violation of provincial regulations.

Richard Ovcharovich is the manager of environmental health with the health unit. He visited the diner in person, along with other inspectors.

"We didn't have any evidence to suggest he was operating as he'd suggested," Ovcharovich told the *Times*, calling the situation a publicity stunt, and adding that the health unit was prepared to issue fines.

"It is not that the health unit is turning a blind eye," he said.

Sgt. Liane Spong-Hooyenga of the OPP told the paper the police had also visited the diner, and similarly found no evidence on which to issue charges.

"We met with health enforcement officials and together with our officers attended. Indeed there were no violations under the EMCPA [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act]," Spong-Hooyenga wrote in an email. "The signage stated, 'Take Out Only,' upon attendance, the staff also were consistent in communicating it was take out only, no one was dining in, therefore the premise was not in violation. They were abiding by the legislative requirements in the EMCPA therefore a charge was not laid. So perhaps he had intended to open for dine in service, I realize there was social media chatter indicating such, however [he] did not."

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VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

As a result of the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) outbreak, all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be conducted virtually via web conference; and Closed Session meetings via teleconference, until further notice.

Meetings are held virtually, starting at 9:00 AM in the Minden Council office, 7 Milne Street. The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

June 11 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 25 - Regular Council Meeting

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at www.mindenHills.ca/council/ or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at www.mindenHills.ca/council/.

Please note the live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

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Wildfires can spread quickly, forcing your family and even your whole community to evacuate in a hurry. If you live in a region at risk of wildfires, make a plan to be sure you and your loved ones will be safe if a fire hits your community. FiresmartCanada.ca provides guidance on how to mitigate and prepare your home and community for wildfire risk. If you would like a wildfire risk assessment of your property please contact the Fire Chief, Nelson Johnson at 705-286-1202 or email njohnson@mindenHills.ca to book an appointment.

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The 2020 property tax installments are due on:

• May 29th • June 26th • July 24th • September 18th

HOWEVER late payment charges shall be suspended on all tax installments that are unpaid by the due dates. Interest at the rate of one and one quarter percent (1 ¼%) per month shall be charged on the first (1st) day following December 4, 2020, on all due and unpaid 2020 taxes.

Interest at the rate of one and one quarter percent (1 ¼%) per month will continue to be levied against taxes owing for previous years (2019 and older).

Preauthorized payment plan withdrawals will continue as originally scheduled. Ten (10) month plan and Arrears plan payments will be deducted on the last business day of each month. The installment plan payments will be withdrawn on **July 24th and September 18th, 2020.** **Post-dated** cheques on file will also be deposited on the dates as indicated on the cheques.

If you have any questions regarding your preauthorized payment plan or post-dated cheques, please call (705) 286-1260, extension 201.

We encourage account holders to utilize the payment methods available, and to submit payments as soon as reasonably possible.

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Submission deadline has been extended to June 19, 2020 by 12:00 noon.

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A reminder that all Township facilities remain closed to the public, until further notice. Administrative call answering services will remain available between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday to Friday, 705-286-1260 listen carefully to the full message and follow the message prompts or admin@mindenHills.ca.

Please provide your name, contact information (phone and/or email) and a clear and brief message regarding the reason for your call. The public can be assured that essential services will be maintained as much as possible.

We are asking the public to restrict inquiries to Township priority requests only and please understand that it may take longer to reply to messages as Staff handle increased phone and email inquiries.

We are also asking the public for their patience during this time and to observe our request to contact the Township for municipal related inquiries by the following methods only:

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Please do not call or email the various Departments or their related extensions or submit inquiries through the Minden Hills website Contact Us form.

If you are aware of anyone who is not adhering to the Government's order which prohibits organized public events and social gatherings of more than five (5) people, or who are not practicing appropriate physical distancing; you are encouraged to contact your local police department or the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or online by visiting opp.ca/reporting.

For a complete list of all Township service provision reductions, please go to:
www.mindenHills.ca/covid-19-information/

County cancels Hike Haliburton Festival

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County's Hike Haliburton Festival has been cancelled for 2020 amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

County councillors made the decision during a May 27 meeting (that meeting taking place via online conferencing platform Zoom and broadcast on YouTube) after receiving a report from tourism director Amanda Virtanen.

Hike Haliburton is the county's signature event, which takes place each fall and includes dozens of guided hikes at locations throughout the county.

As Virtanen told council, typically planning – including organizing the hikes, retaining volunteer guides, attaining sponsorships, etc. – takes place throughout May and June. “Generally, by Canada Day, everything is open to market and the promotion begins,” she said.

Virtanen's report included four options, ranging from planning to host the event as usual, to scaled-down repackaged versions of the event, to Option D – complete cancellation.

Councillors reluctantly agreed that cancellation made the most sense, given it's unclear what will happen with the curve of the coronavirus outbreak and what provincial regulations may be by the end of the summer.

“Despite the event being several months away, we don't know where it's going,” said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

“Things like the ploughing match and the CNE have had to cancel,” said Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts. “... I reluctantly choose Option D.”

Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy said he'd like to see the money allotted for this year's festival – \$7,100 of its \$46,000 budget had been spent – held in reserve, and for the county to host an extra large festival in 2021. Other members of council agreed.



Sarah Bell, left, leads the Tiny Trekkers hike, part of the Hike Haliburton Festival, at Snowdon Park last year. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

Resorts may open with safety protocols in place

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

It appears that cottage rental resorts in the county may open for business under provincial guidelines as long as they abide by proper protocols, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit said, that information being sent to county accommodators by the County of Haliburton last week.

During a May 27 county council meeting, there was some discussion about how private, short-term rentals of cottages were taking place when they weren't supposed to be, while cottage rental resorts kept their doors closed to abide by the province's emergency orders amid the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.

“Short-term rentals are supposed to be not operating, but they are,” said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt

at that meeting. “I'm getting an awful lot of complaints and concerns from people who are saying that the rental place next to them is, you know, full of two or three families every weekend.”

Moffatt, who pointed out that motels and hotels have been allowed to operate, creating what she said was an unfair playing field, said she'd been trying to get clear answers from the province for a couple of months, including through conversations with HKLB MPP Laurie Scott.

“I've been pushing to get an answer on short-term rentals since the beginning of this, but there really is no clear answer,” she said. “... We have many small businesses that are abiding by the provincial orders that are affected by the situation, and some of them are admittedly facing catastrophic losses.”

Other councillors shared Moffatt's concerns, and it was resolved the county would write a letter to the province seeking greater clarification,

However, on May 29, after corresponding with the HKPR District Health Unit, county tourism director Amanda Virtanen sent an email to the county's accommodators indicating that resorts may be considered “shared accommodations,” which are qualified as essential services under emergency orders from the province. The health unit indicated that resorts in other parts of its jurisdiction, as well as in other health unit jurisdictions, are operating. Resorts must operate with the same health and safety protocols and preventative measures in place as motels and hotels.

“After much lobbying for a level playing field for accommodation businesses in Haliburton County, I'm thrilled to learn that permission has been given for cottage resorts to open,” Moffatt wrote in a social media post on Friday. “Operators must still comply with public health recommendations and other provincial requirements but this is great news. It's been very difficult to hear the personal stories of accommodators who have feared the loss of their businesses and livelihoods.”

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HHHS to resume non-urgent surgeries, procedures, tests

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Non-urgent care is reopening as the province does.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services announced that non-urgent procedures and tests will start to resume following their postponement since March 19 due to the spread of COVID-19 in Ontario.

Ontario Health has given formal approval to Campbellford Memorial Hospital, Northumberland Hills Hospital, Peterborough Regional Health Centre, Ross Memorial Hospital and HHHS to begin resuming non-urgent surgeries, procedures and tests.

"We will proceed gradually and carefully as we ramp up diagnostics, such as ultrasound and post-surgical support programs, such as physiotherapy," said Carolyn Plummer, HHHS president and CEO in a community update released May 29. "HHHS staff will reach out to patients as spaces become available, and we will be prioritizing patients based on risk and urgency."

A May 29 press release announcing the gradual resuming of non-urgent care reads: "Patients should continue to communicate with their physician's office while they wait for their surgery, procedure or test to be rescheduled. If you are a patient waiting for non-urgent hospital care and your symptoms change during this time, please let your doctor know." Many HHHS supportive programs that include mental health services, specialized geriatric programs, diabetes education, hos-

pice palliative care and various community support service programs have continued through telephone and virtual supports. Plummer noted the health and safety of staff, patients, residents and the community, and the health organization's capacity to respond to local COVID-19 activity, remained the top priority. As of June 2, eight cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County have been confirmed, with seven resolved. In total there have been 176 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district according to the health unit with 148 resolved. Thirty-two deaths have been reported, all in the City of Kawartha Lakes, with 29 of those deaths being related to an outbreak at Pinecrest Nursing Home in Bobcaygeon which was declared over in mid-May.

Call ahead to book COVID-19 test

Appointments are required for COVID-19 testing in Haliburton County. HHHS said last week if you have at least one symptom of the virus, even if it is a mild symptom; if you are concerned you might have been exposed to COVID-19 as a result of contact with a confirmed or suspected case; or if you are at risk of exposure of COVID-19 as a result of your employment, including essential workers such as health care workers, grocery store employees, and other front-line workers, you qualify for testing.

"To help control volume and protect the health and safety of assessment centre staff, an appointment is required for COVID-19 testing – but no Ontarian who is symptomatic or is concerned they have been exposed to COVID-19 will be declined a test," said Plummer.

Anyone who meets the criteria and wants to make an appointment is asked to call the Haliburton Family Medical Centre at 705-457-1212 and press 6 during regular business hours. A drive-through site is available.

LTC outbreak update

On May 30, the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge district health unit declared the out-

break at Fenelon Court longterm care home, in which one asymptomatic staff person tested positive for COVID-19 on May 18, over. Outbreaks declared in mid-May at Empire Crossing Retirement Home in Port Hope and Kawartha Lakes Retirement Residence in Bobcaygeon were declared over as of June 1, according to the HKPRHCU.

A solitary stroll

Nearly lost among the spring leaves on a tree-lined St. Peters Road, a person walks dogs on Monday morning, June 1 in Algonquin Highlands. Living during a pandemic has meant a new way of life, but walking continues to be an activity of choice for young and old in the Highlands. / **DARREN LUM** Staff



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More than they bargained for

HALIBURTON COUNTY Warden Liz Danielsen began last week's county council meeting by thanking her colleagues for their efforts in dealing with the many unanticipated, unexpected aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"And I just want to, whether it's my place or not, commend you all for the hard work you've done," Danielsen said. "I know we've all gone through things that we never anticipated at all."

I'd like to echo those sentiments here, and say thank you to all municipal councillors, as well as staff, in the county.

Rewind to the last municipal election in the fall of 2018, and who could have possibly foreseen the circumstances we currently find ourselves in? When candidates were putting their names on ballots in that election, presumably they were thinking about ways in which they'd like to help shape their communities. Maybe they wanted to see better road maintenance or enhanced cultural resources, stronger economic development or a new arena. What they presumably didn't count on was having to try to guide their communities through a global pandemic that would push those communities to their financial and emotional brink.

The past two-and-a-half months have been a tornado of information, some of it unclear and confusing. There are constantly changing directives from the provincial government, and a never-ending stream of data and releases from various agencies and organizations. It all changes constantly. It is chaotic and stressful.

For municipalities, there have been regular meetings of their emergency management groups since the crisis began. For councillors, while any decisions they make in general will of course never please everyone, the heightened emotional climate of the COVID-19 crisis means those decisions

are subject to stronger emotional response from residents. Think about the stress they must feel. They've had to make disappointing decisions, such as county council's decision last week to cancel this year's Hike Haliburton Festival.

While council meetings have resumed in the past month or so, they have resumed online and are certainly different than the in-person variety. The transition to this forum – meetings are conducted with councillors participating remotely via online conferencing platform Zoom and broadcast on

YouTube – seems to be going fairly well, all factors considered. It's put the county's IT department to work in a new way and has been a learning curve for everyone, with staffers being patched in and out, the odd disappearing councillor, muted microphones, the occasional appearance of pets, etc.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

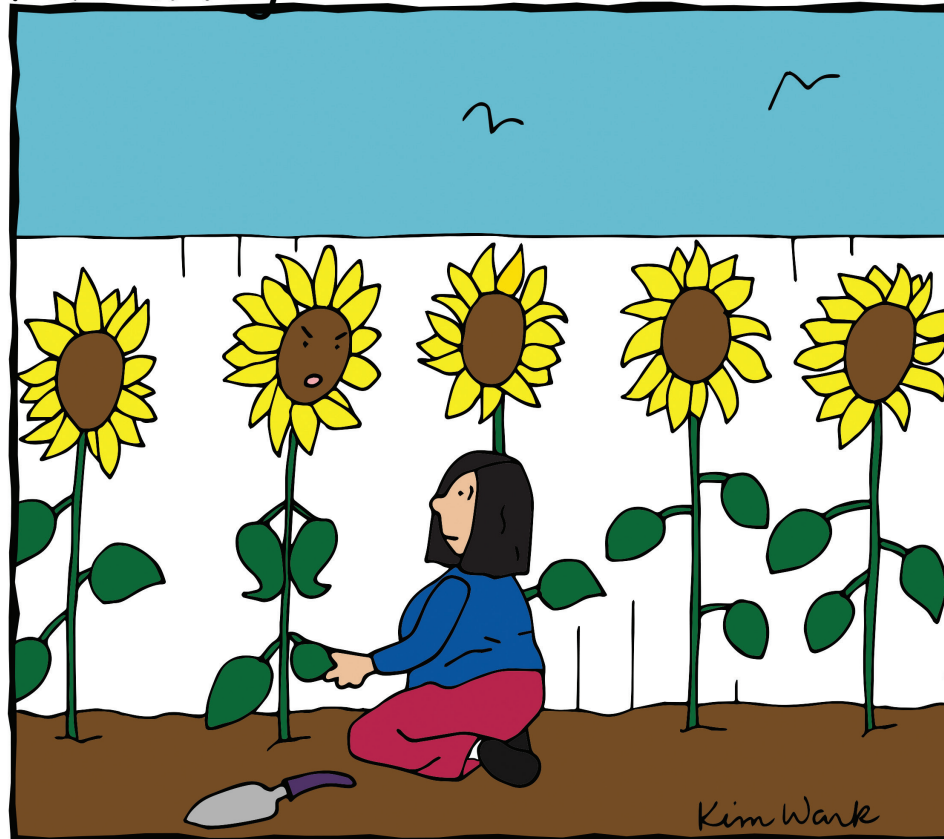
This space is occasionally filled with criticism of local government, which is part of the newspaper's role. And while I may not always agree with the decisions made by the councils of the county, in many cases, I have watched councillors work for many years, and can certainly tell you their hearts are in the right place.

When we get through all of this, there will be post-pandemic analysis of the ways in which our local governments responded. It will be determined there are things that could have done differently, and there will likely be more conversations about the possibility of single-tier governance, which seems more relevant now than ever.

But those are conversations for another time. Those are columns for another time.

For now, this is a thank you to our municipal councillors and staffers for doing their best to get us through this unprecedented, difficult and troubling time.

Kwarky



"You could use some thinning and trimming."

Another Eureka moment

YESTERDAY, A friend of mine who is relatively new to the outdoors phoned me and asked if I might provide sound advice about waders. This was wise of him, since I possess a high level of expertise regarding the characteristics that make a bad pair of waders, plus I also know the sounds a person makes shortly after discovering they are wearing a bad pair.

It is usually, "@#\$!" Followed by "##@!\$!"

Not to brag but some anglers consider me one of the world's leading experts in the field of buying bad waders. (Hint: never buy them at a garage sale.)

Many folks are also familiar with my formula that determines with mathematical precision how to tell if you are wearing bad waders – it being WI (water inside) is greater than WO (water outside). If that is the case, you are probably wearing a faulty pair of waders.

How I came up with that equation is an interesting story. I was testing a new pair of waders in my bathtub, as I learned men are wont to do. That's when I realized something was different. You see, while there was a lot of water on the outside of my waders, there was virtually none inside of my waders. This was an almost forgotten sensation for me, since I hadn't worn a leak-free set of waders since 1978.

Suddenly I experienced what we scientific types call a Eureka moment. And that's why I yelled that word out loud. That awkward, lonely scream, coming from so near the toilet, caused Jenn to run into the washroom – something she is

normally loathe to do after I have been in it – and ask, "Are you OK?"

In response, I struck a noble pose, which is no small feat when you are standing in a bathtub, surrounded by rubber ducks, wearing nothing but a pair of chest waders. Then, sensing the gravity of the moment, I looked her in the eyes and told her that I merely yelled "Eureka!" because I had made a great discovery and that's the only time you can use the word correctly.

I also encouraged her to use her phone to take a photo of this historic occasion.

"Oh, don't worry. I'll take a photo, all right," she replied, and then, left giggling and muttering, "Wait till my friends see this."

I won't lie; it was touching to know she wanted to brag to her friends about my work.

A normal scientist would have rested on his laurels then and there. But, as you might have by now surmised, I am definitely not normal.

I knew I needed more data. For, although I had made great strides in confirming that the main characteristic of a good set of waders was dryness on the inside, I had not explained why sometimes waders which have no punctures in them could still get wet on the inside. I was at a loss to explain this until that fateful day when I was walking toward the river and ran into that huge bear. After breaking land speed records on the way back to the car, I discovered that my waders were now dry on the outside and decidedly less so on the inside.

Luckily, no one in our house bats an eyelash these days when they see me standing with waders in the bathtub.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

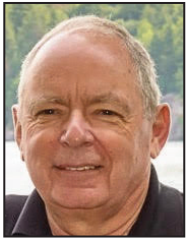
Drawing out human brilliance

IT WAS A FORLORN day in spite of the golden sunshine in a sapphire blue sky.

At 32 degrees Celsius early last week it was too hot to do anything but sit, but certainly not outside. The humidity was suffocating and the mosquitoes and blackflies were working overtime.

So, I condemned myself to an afternoon of television. An afternoon of staring into the reflection of a world where people seem to become more obtuse and pathetic by the day.

But there on that insolent screen was an uplifting surprise. Three hours or so of flickering film showing me how brilliant and uplifting our world can be.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The first film was *Temple Grandin*, a 2010 biographical drama about an autistic woman who earned a doctorate in animal science.

Temple Grandin, born in Boston in 1947, was unable to talk until age four and displayed behavioral problems. She was diagnosed with autism, but her parents rejected a doctor's advice to put her into an institution, and instead placed her in private schools where her high IQ was discovered and nurtured.

Temple had poor short-term memory and could not follow written instructions, but a long-term visual memory allowed her to become a visual thinker. She graduated from college with a bachelor's degree in psychology, followed by a master's and a doctorate in animal science.

Over time she became aware that anxiety and fear found in both autistic people and animals is caused by hypersensitivity to touch and sound. She devoted her life to alleviating anxiety and fear in both.

As a teenager she designed a "squeeze machine" to help control her nervous tensions and improved versions of it were used in schools to soothe autistic children. Other ideas and designs revolutionized practices for compassionate handling of livestock on farms and in slaughterhouses.

She also became a professor at the University of Colorado and an international spokesperson for autism.

If that was not enough of a lesson in how brilliant humans can be, I then stumbled into the movie version of *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

I have a long, complicated history with that movie and the soundtrack of the 1970 rock opera.

I was a young reporter in Alberta when two excited colleagues brought the musical album into the office. I was shocked by the music. It seemed blasphemous and indeed was criticized by religious groups throughout the world.

Over the years I began to look at *Superstar* as a work of art, leaving aside the various religious connections. I began to fully appreciate the genius that went into this work.

Composer Andrew Lloyd Webber and his partner lyricist Tim Rice both are musical geniuses.

Lloyd Webber was a child prodigy who played the piano, violin and French horn in early childhood. He began writing his own music at age six. It helped, of course, that his father was director of the London School of Music, his mother a piano teacher.

When you see the brilliance of people like Temple Grandin, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice you have to wonder why the world often is such a messed-up place. These people are brilliant leaders in their own spheres and you wonder why such brilliance is lacking in the spheres of national and international affairs.

So many of our leaders are run-of-the-mill folks who think like, and act to please, the overall crowd. They lack the courage to say and do what they believe is right.

When you watch movies like *Temple Grandin* and *Jesus Christ Superstar*, you see people who think differently from the rest of us. That is the source of their brilliance; they are not restrained by fear of thinking differently, and course it helps to be aided by discipline, intelligence, creativity, and sometimes simple good fortune.

We live in times that demand brilliance in leadership: Millions are sick and dying in a pandemic that many leaders said happens only once every 100 years; the United States is imploding and leaving its world leadership open to China and Russia.

It's not that there is a shortage of human brilliance. There are many brilliant people out there in every field. Somehow, we have to draw them out and into the overall leadership roles now so desperately needed.

letters to the editor

Thanks to a loving community

Dear loving community,

Words fail us as we desire to somehow articulate our utmost gratitude to you all.

At a time when everyone is facing the challenges and hardships of COVID-19, our community has gone above and beyond in showing love and support to our little girl and family.

We have been overwhelmed and brought to tears by your many acts of kindness; a welcome home parade, prepared meals, most generous gifts, heartfelt cards and messages, fundraisers as well as signs of encouragement for Sadie on the sides of roads and at local businesses. You have brought such joy to Sadie and have truly

been a blessing to us. We thank God for each of you.

A special thank you to our amazing local OPP officers, the loving doctors and nurses at the Minden emergency department, Dr. Coles and the Family Health Team as well as the Haliburton Paramedics.

To our Lakeside Church family, though we can't be face to face, thank you for never leaving our side. Your love has been a significant source of strength and we thank you in advance for your continued support as we walk this journey.

Full of gratitude,
Lindsay and AJ Lester

Silence does not go unnoticed

My name is Julia McEathron, and I am a recent graduate of the General Arts and Science Environmental Studies Program at Algonquin College. Along with being a proud Algonquin College alumni, I am also a queer, Indigenous young woman with a passion for environmental sustainability and for social justice. I have been fortunate enough to have been raised in Whitney and Haliburton; two rural communities that lack diversity but have a strong sense of community.

During my studies at Algonquin College, I had the privilege of learning from passionate and supportive teachers and had the pleasure of learning alongside passionate and supportive students. I utilized resources the college had to offer, attended events held by the Students Association, and volunteered my time. While doing so, I felt heard and welcome by staff and students. As a queer, Indigenous woman, I felt safe and respected while walking down the halls of Algonquin College, I felt protected seeing security guards, I felt accepted for who I am, and I felt proud seeing the beautiful mural and the newly build DARE District and Indigenous Commons.

Even though I identify with these minority groups, I am visibly white-skinned; therefore, even though I may face gender inequality, homophobia, and intergenerational trauma, I am a non-coloured person and I profit from racial inequality. My life is not made harder because of the colour of my skin; I am favoured by the police, I am perceived as non-threatening, and do not fall victim to hurtful, racial stereotypes because of my colour.

After the death of George Floyd, yet another black man murdered while in police custody, citizens of the United States have responded by protesting against police brutality and racism. What started in Minnesota has now moved across the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada; everyday people have risen to the occasion by peacefully protesting, sharing information on their platforms, donating money, and beginning important conversations regarding white privilege. There is even a peaceful protest scheduled for Friday, June 5 at the U.S. Embassy in the community of Ottawa.

June 1 marks the beginning of Pride Month. It is important to note that black and trans folks were instrumental in the Stonewall Riots in June of 1969 that led to gay liberation and LGBTQ social movements. One cannot support the LGBTQ2S+ community without supporting People of Colour.

This letter is a Call to Action regarding racism and police brutality against BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Colour). As white people and as people in power, it is our job to stand up and speak out about these issues. As an institution that advertises itself as a safe space for international students, BIPOC, and the LGBTQ2S+ community, being silent and neutral on this issue is to choose the side of the oppressor. I am disappointed that Algonquin College has been silent towards this issue on all social media platforms and I am disappointed that the college has not made an official statement, even though they are able to post about Pride Month. After reading public statements from both Carleton University and the University of Ottawa, I feel ashamed that my college is choosing to be silent. Speaking about the current injustice and posting resources on social media can encourage students to sign petitions, donate money to non-profits; a small step that many media influencers, corporations, and institutions have not yet taken.

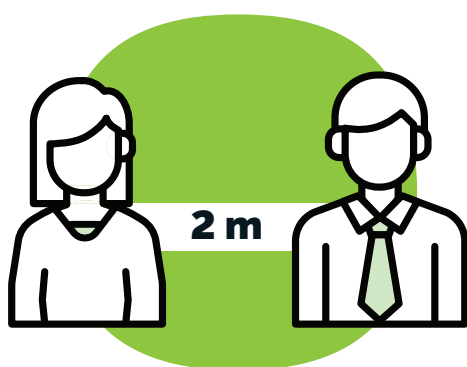
I am not perfect. I have stood silent in the face of racism, sexism, homophobia, and pain-old hate in my hometown in order to "blend in." Since I have spend most of my life in rural communities, moving to Ottawa provided me with a minor dose of culture shock, and thankfully so; feeling uncomfortable in a diverse community gave me the opportunity to break down my pre-conceived bias and identify my privilege to become a better friend, community member, and Canadian. It is important to note that the road to allyship is never ending; we must not stop doing the work, we must reflect constantly, and we must keep on learning.

I chose to study at Algonquin College so I could become a better scholar, but most importantly, I chose to go to post-secondary so I could become an even better member of society. College teaches us that working together, no matter our strengths and weaknesses, is the key to success; now is the time to come together and make a stand. Education and knowledge is a powerful tool; coupled with teaching students economics, ethics, and mathematics, Algonquin College must use their power to teach love and acceptance of all peoples. I urge not just institutions like Algonquin College, but you too, a rural community member, to take a stance; your silence does not go unnoticed.

Julia McEathron
Haliburton

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Businesses adjust to curbside economy

by ZACHARY ROMAN
Times Staff

Adjusting to new rules and regulations is never easy in the best of times, but county businesses have had to do it in the worst of times and find new ways to survive amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

Shawn Chamberlin, the owner of The Dominion Hotel and Pub in Minden, has been feeling the effects of the COVID-19 economic shutdown in full force. The Dominion has lost a major source of their income as they have not been able to rent rooms. They have started doing takeout from their pub, and while it is going well, Chamberlin said it won't be enough and is especially worried about those he employs. To do takeout, the Dominion set up an online ordering and payment system, and will put your food right in your car when you pick it up for a completely contactless and safe experience.

Chamberlin said that the Dominion Pub will be continuing to do takeout throughout the pandemic. "When they forced us to close, nothing stopped, our bills are still coming in, and we have to find a way to pay for those and that means everything we've got, we've got to pull the stops out ... we're going to be doing whatever we can do, within the limits of law, to generate revenues," said Chamberlin. "We desperately want to get our staff back, we're concerned for all of them and their families. It's a hard time for businesses but it's just as hard a time for employ-

ees. "We're really concerned, we take very seriously the fact that we're supporting all these families, they all rely on us. Our staff is like family, and we just hate to see this come on them too."

As far as government support goes, Chamberlin said he is not interested in the Canada Emergency Business Account. The account provides interest free loans of up to \$40,000 to small businesses and non-profits whose revenues have been impacted as a result of COVID-19 – and if the loans are paid back before December 31, 2022, loan forgiveness of 25 per cent will be granted. "I would say that we're pretty much left out to dry," said Chamberlin. "We're going into debt like crazy now and the last thing we need is another loan."

Chamberlin said he is optimistic that the government is trying to get things open, but said that even if things do progress the Dominion will probably not be functional until next year. Despite the tough times, Chamberlin's current situation has taught him an important lesson about not being so hard on himself. "A lot of us business owners in particular, we tend to self-flagellate. Anytime our business goes down ... or the money doesn't come in, we tend to blame ourselves. And we live with this continual amount of guilt, because well, maybe we should have advertised more or maybe we should have stood out front and shook hands," said Chamberlin. "This time around, I think that we've all learned that it's not always our fault ... there's comfort in knowing that you can't control everything. And

maybe the lesson we learn is that, you know, we may be smart business owners but we're not in control of everything."

Michael Schiedel-Webb is the co-owner of Haliburton Highlands Brewing. Things have been a little different for his company, as they are classified as an essential service. "We've been able to allow people to come inside, we can pack their orders for them, they can pay for their purchases," said Schiedel-Webb. "But we've also made it a bit easier by building our online store, allowing people to order online [and] pay online ... so they can have curbside pickup without having any contact."

While people can come into the store to purchase beer, the brewery's tap room is closed and Schiedel-Webb said that has been the hardest part. "We're a family business ... we live and work together," said Schiedel-Webb. "What's really missing from our lives right now is the social aspect that we get when we have friends and customers in having a pint of beer and chatting."

Haliburton Highlands Brewing has also added a delivery service, which they try to line up with Canoe FM's radio bingo – on Tuesdays they will deliver your beer and bingo cards all at once. Schiedel-Webb said getting delivery set up was a challenge because of their location being a bit out of the way, but that it is under control now. "Shippers used to working in the city have a harder time getting used to where we're located," said Schiedel-Webb. "Making a delivery of a six pack of beer out to Tory Hill is a long way to go and then it's a long way to come back. So it can be a challenge from that perspective,

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We may be smart business owners but we're not in control of everything.

— SHAWN CHAMBERLIN, THE OWNER OF THE DOMINION HOTEL AND PUB

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but business is picking up on that front."

Paul Roy, co-owner of UpRiver Trading Company, said they had been completely closed at both their Minden and Haliburton locations until May 20. They launched an online shopping component to their site while their storefronts were closed, but said it was the kindness of their customers that really kept them going. Roy said that some customers had even purchased gift cards for future use, knowing the business could use the help now in these tough times. "Our community of customers are some of the best people around," said Roy. In order to reopen on the 20th – in compliance with phase one of the Ontario government's plan for reopening the province – UpRiver installed acrylic barriers at the cash registers, put in floor markers two metres apart and installed a cleaning station at the door.

SIRCH rallies for rhubarb

If you have a rhubarb patch, SIRCH Community Services is asking you to donate some rhubarb to help the organization provide a serving of fruit alongside each free meal it gives out amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

SIRCH is asking for rhubarb to be picked either Friday, June 5, Saturday, June 6 or Sunday, June 7, for the leaves to be trimmed off, and for the rhubarb to be placed in a bag. It can then be dropped off at SIRCH's Community Kitchen at 2 Victoria St. in Haliburton Village. Rhubarb can be dropped off between noon and 3 p.m. on Friday, and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. on each of Saturday and Sunday.

The rhubarb will be baked into desserts along with fruits, and SIRCH is aiming to

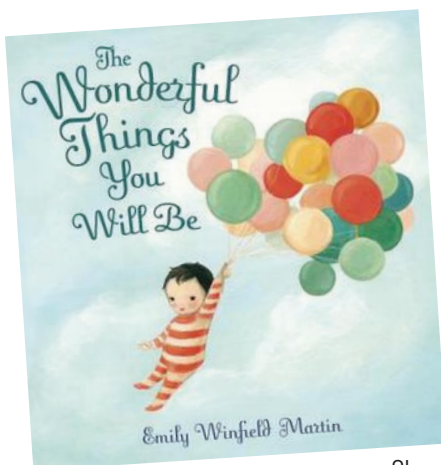
make 1,000 servings of fruit into sauces, crisps and pies.

"In the past two months, SIRCH's Community Kitchen has given away 4,131 meals and 1,060 soups," SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson told the paper. "They are distributed through nine non-profit housing complexes, HHHS and other organizations, plus we do free take-out on weekends from SIRCH Central. A month ago we started giving a free serving of fruit with every meal, and have handed out nearly 1,000 servings. Fruit is expensive however, so to make this initiative last longer, we are holding our first 'Rally for Rhubarb.'"

For more information, call 705-457-1742.

Staff

Jr. Book of the Month - June



The Wonderful Things You Will Be by Emily Winfield Martin

From brave and bold to creative and clever, Emily Winfield Martin's rhythmic rhyme expresses all the loving things that parents think of when they look at their children. With striking and sometimes humorous illustrations, and a clever gatefold with kids in costumes, this is a book that grown-ups will love reading over and over to kids—both young and old. *The Wonderful Things You Will Be* has a loving and truthful message that will endure for lifetimes. A beautiful book that celebrates the dreams, acceptance, and love that parents have for their children ... now and forever!

Check out the "Read and Listen" edition of this ebook from the Haliburton County Public Library's website, and follow along with the audio narration. It's the perfect bedtime story!

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A turtle crawls across the pavement. /Submitted by Cynthia Kocot



A deer in the early morning shadows. /Submitted by Cynthia Kocot

Newspaper delivery driver captures images along route

by **ZACHARY ROMAN**
Times Staff

For the past 10 years, if you've ever read the *Toronto Star* newspaper in Haliburton County, you have delivery driver Cynthia Kocot to thank.

"I jokingly say, I actually don't enjoy driving. I much prefer to be the passenger. But as I say, the job fits my life quite well," said Kocot. "I very rarely actually read the papers. I used to ... when I had the time."

Kocot grew up in Minden before moving to Port Perry and living there for a while. When friends of hers bought and reopened Stan's Garage, Kocot and her husband moved back to the area to run it for them. When they were finished with that job, they bought a house in Haliburton County and soon after, Kocot's delivery driving days began.

"Our gentleman who had brought us the papers, Roger, that spring he decided he wouldn't mind having a little bit of help doing the papers on say the weekend so he could have time off. When he asked if I wanted to work with him, [if] I would do weekends, [while] he did during the week," said Kocot. "I think it was about a year and a half maybe that I did that for him. And then he had the option to change his job within delivering the Star. He was going to go to a new area and asked if I wanted to take the route on full time. Which, up here, year-round job? I said sure will."

The job is just about as year-round as year-round can get, the only day Kocot gets off being Dec. 25. Even on that one day off, Kocot doesn't sleep in because her body is so adjusted to waking up early. "I have to admit, I'm not always the best about going to bed when I should. So I do function on a lot less sleep than I actually need," said Kocot. "If I'm smart, every three to four days I have a nap that is like three, four hours at a minimum."

Every morning, she picks up the papers at 4:30 a.m. at the Minden Foodland. From there, it takes her two-and-a-half to three hours to complete her route around Haliburton County. She said she is usually able to deliver the papers within five to 10 minutes of a customer's scheduled delivery time, barring any extenuating circumstances.

And over the years, there have certainly been a few.

"I see deer almost every day. Unfortunately, I have hit or been hit by 10 of them because I'm busy, I'm moving when they're moving," said Kocot. "I was very close actually to hitting a moose one very, very, foggy morning. That was very scary ... When I stopped I was looking at his butt 'cause he was right on the yellow, the middle of the road yellow line. And my heart was thumping."

Kocot said this is the negative of the job. She is a nature lover and keeps her camera on her at all times, ready to pull over and capture the natural beauty around her. So while there have been some scary and sad encounters with wildlife, they are vastly outnumbered by the beautiful ones.

"I've seen bears, I've seen foxes, porcupines, turkeys, like you name it, probably I have seen it," said Kocot. "I see in-

credible sunrises and tons of wildlife. Which when you live up here, I mean, that's one of the best parts of living up here."

But Kocot's favourite part about Haliburton County is the community. "COVID definitely shows the amount of people that step up to help whenever help is needed. Various times people's houses have burned down, they've lost everything. The word goes out. People give them furniture, clothing, toys, that kind of stuff. Now with COVID, seniors and [immune-compromised] people are stuck at home. Other people are stepping up to do their shopping, to do their deliveries, to just check in on them," said Kocot. "When I grew up in Minden, there was only 1,200 people. So it was a little town. Even though it's grown, there still is that feeling of a little town ... you feel like you're a part of something."

The majority of Kocot's papers are for driveway delivery, but the *Star* doesn't provide the blue plastic bags that the newspapers arrive in because Kocot is contracted to them and not technically an employee. She buys them herself so that the papers remain readable no matter the weather. However, boxes of the bags aren't cheap – and making sure the bags don't end up in a landfill is important to her.

"I'm very fortunate, I have fabulous customers ... I would say 90 per cent of my customers give me back their bags so that I can reuse them. I say to them ... you can stick them on a pole ... I have somebody who clothespins them onto a branch of their tree, [some put them] in their mailbox," said Kocot. "It just saves me a lot of money. I always use a new bag on Saturday because the Saturday papers are a little heavier. And I want to make sure that I'm not using a bag that has a hole or rip in it and [have] papers going to go flying everywhere. And if it's pouring rain, I always use new bags. But other than that, I use the bags that they return to me."

Since she is out driving almost every day, Kocot faces more dangers from the elements than the safely-bagged newspapers she delivers do. She can recall days on the job when the snow was so deep that the front of her vehicle was pushing it up over her windshield. "I am driving in weather often that lots of other people would never think to drive in," said Kocot. "I often am plowing snow with the front of my vehicle because I'm out before the plows are in the winter. They were really awesome this [past] winter though, they were out so early."

To have more control in the harsh conditions, Kocot likes to drive all-wheel-drive vehicles with a manual transmission. She has owned two Toyota Rav 4's and currently drives a Subaru Forester. "I drive old vehicles because I do beat them up pretty good. I don't buy anything new," said Kocot. "I have a very handy husband and our daughter went through and is a mechanic. So that definitely helps."

Kocot's family can help her with her job by fixing up her vehicle. And before that could ever happen, Kocot's job helped her with her family. "As a mom, when I started doing this, I still had kids at home. So it was great, especially in the summer because I was done work by eight o'clock or nine o'clock [in the morning]. And I had the whole day to do stuff with my kids," said Kocot. "I mean you're only doing three hours a day, so you're not getting paid as you would for an



Morning dew on a spider's web. /Submitted by Cynthia Kocot

eight hour day, but it fits my lifestyle."

Kocot said she enjoys being on the road when no one else is – and since no one else is in the car either, she's able to listen to her music cranked as loud as she wants. She also gets to listen to music cranked loud at the many concerts she goes to for free. "I win a lot of radio contests because I'm driving, I'm in the car at the time those are going, so I go to a ridiculous amount of concerts," said Kocot. If music isn't the vibe that day, she listens to books on CD. She goes through many in a week, which she says is enjoyable for her because she loves reading.

The life lesson Kocot has learned from her job? "Enjoy where you are at the time you are. I take lots of pictures and people often say 'oh, your pictures are so amazing,'" said Kocot. "I'm like, it's just paying attention to what I'm driving through and actually seeing the sunrise or seeing the animals. I enjoy where I am at the time."

Virtual ceremony provides real recognition for Hawks' achievements

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It's the first time in 42 years the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Annual Athletic Awards Ceremony is going virtual, as part of continuous efforts to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.

When the provincial government decided to not reopen schools on May 19 the HHSS physical and health education department set in motion the necessary actions for a virtual awards ceremony. Using a countdown format, it will be held from June 4 to June 20, which starts with teams being recognized, followed by major awards.

HHSS teacher and coach Janice Scheffee said this ceremony was important to highlight the school's athletic achievements during the fall, winter and spring sport seasons.

"We really wanted to wrap up our year in athletics and not let it just end. Our teams and athletes that were able to compete need to be recognized for their success, hard work and commitment. This platform allows coaches an opportunity to recap their seasons and recognize individual contributions. It's not perfect but considering the circumstances, we're hoping it creates a sense of pride from our Red Hawk athletes and families," she wrote in an email.

The countdown format was an idea thought of by other schools and was embraced by the HHSS coaches.

Starting on Thursday, June 4, the ceremony will begin recognizing the school's 15 sports teams that competed this school season. The ceremony will not be live. Over eight days there will be two teams featured each day with photos and pre-recorded messages from coaches. On Monday, June 15, the ceremony will start to recognize the school's major ath-

letic awards such as the Intramural Award, followed the next day by the Cumulative Awards and the Impact Award, which is then followed by the presentation of the Rising Hawks awards, for female and male students, and the Colin Hood OFSAA Award for the school's most deserving female and male students based on their athletic career on Wednesday, June 17. The last two days will feature the Female Athlete of the Year Award on Thursday, June 18 and then the Male Athlete of the Year Award on Friday, June 19, which also includes concluding remarks and a slide show illustrating the athletic year.

This first week, the ceremony will feature the junior boys volleyball team, the wrestling team, the field hockey team and the junior basketball team.

Field hockey and senior girls' volleyball team coach Steve Smith said he and the other coaches wanted to celebrate with the students in a safe way.

"As a coach I am thrilled to be able to recognize this year's athletes and what they had achieved. Some of our athletes/teams had banner years and it is important to our staff to recognize their efforts. I personally had the pleasure to be able to coach two sports at HHSS. It was fantastic to see the development of each of the athletes as they stretched and reached for the goals we set as a team. I am sad that I won't be able to personally shake each of the players hands or hit some high fives but fortunately we have been able to celebrate this way with our athletes," he said.

Hawks junior basketball team coach Mike Rieger said this ceremony may be virtual, but it doesn't take away the accomplishments of the athletes.

"It's great to get the chance to publicly recognize the hard work and dedication of all

of the students who participated in athletics this year. There have certainly been a lot of hurdles for our teams this school year! As disappointing as it is for students and coaches not to get to participate in spring sports, there have still been a lot of team and individual successes that deserve to be celebrated and I think it's great that Janice Scheffee and the phys ed department have been able to put this together. The fact that the awards are being presented online rather than in person doesn't change the great accomplishments that we are recognizing," he said.

Among the highlights of the season include OFSAA appearances by wrestlers Nic Graham and Eli Samson, a OFSAA berth (championship cancelled due to COVID-19, so no result) and an Ontario School Curling

Provincial Championship for the boys curling team of Jacob Dobson, Liam Little, Corin Gervais and Owen Nicholls, COSSA final finishes for the Red Hawks field hockey and the boys' ice hockey team, and a COSSA semi-final finish for the Hawks senior boys' basketball team.

Scheffee said check the website (<https://hss.tdsb.on.ca/2020/05/29/42nd-annual-athletic-awards-ceremony-coming-soon-2/>) to see the ceremony and learn about the event's itinerary.

"Please, check the school website daily, beginning June 4 and let's celebrate our continued sporting success. Let's remember the great moments and memories that happened this year on our fields, on the courts and on the ice. Thank you," she said.

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Huxley the goat gives family a story to tell

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Lindsay Wilkinson sums up the strangest occurrence in her life with one sentence: “It’s nothing like I ever thought I was going to experience, getting a goat.”

It’s a story the Minden resident will be telling for years, but also one that will be shared by her neighbours on Deep Bay Road, residents of Invergordon Avenue and random passersby who might have seen Wilkinson running down the street, through bushes, alongside the river and into backyards over the course of two weeks. And it all started with a wee goat named Aldous Huxley.

Wilkinson tends to a hobby farm, on which she has two goats.

She recently took to Kijiji and found a young Nigerian Dwarf goat to add to her brood. When she arrived at the seller’s house to pick him up, she found he was skittish and fearful of humans but knew she was for her.

In looking for a name for the tiny kid, she suggested Huxley, and her husband, Tom, suggested Aldous Huxley, for the writer.

“So I said, OK, well, I’ll never be able to pronounce Aldous, so we’ll just call him Hux and meet halfway,” said Wilkinson.

Not long after Hux had arrived home, Wilkinson visited him in his new backyard space.

“Well, I went down to feed him and in my little hobby barn, there’s a big back window

and I typically have it open when it’s nice out,” she said. “It has a screen on it so the breeze comes in and out. I spooked him and he literally went through the screen, out the back.”

Wilkinson panicked.

“I yelled at my son, who’s a track star, and yelled, ‘grab him!’” said Wilkinson. “He came running out, he was running as fast as he could, he took off across Deep Bay Road, like the opposite side, into the bush and we lost him. It was like, gone. It was just like he went into a hole and we couldn’t see him anywhere.”

Wilkinson and her family spent the night looking for Hux.

“I was hysterical,” she said. “I just rescued this poor little guy and now he’s God knows where.”

Hux had run away just an hour after arriving home.

“I was actually mortified,” said Wilkinson. “I was like, I’m the worst person in the world. He’s nine weeks old, he’s tiny, this poor baby. Of course, coyotes, bears, the whole nine yards goes through your head.”

Wilkinson’s friend who owns a farm began posting to social media one of the photos Wilkinson had taken of Huxley, focusing on local Minden and Haliburton sites in the hopes that someone might spot him and help him get home.

“Well, it was like, daily sightings,” said

see GOAT’S page 13



Huxley the goat was only settling in to his new Deep Bay Road home with Lindsay Wilkinson and family when he became frightened and dashed into the forest. The goat would be on the run escaping capture for almost two weeks, giving Wilkinson the scare, and story, of her life. /Submitted photos

Inset, in this screenshot from a video, Eric Whitty is shown rescuing Huxley from the Gull River on May 27.

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1. File No. PLSRA2019002: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10261, registered July 9, 2019.

2. File No. PLSRA2019003: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Boshkung Lake, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10300, registered November 28, 2019.

3. File No. PLSRA2019004: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 14, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10264, registered July 23, 2019.

4. File No. PLSRA2019031: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 6, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10338, registered January 7, 2020.

5. File No. PLSRA2019034: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of Lot 9, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10289, registered October 25, 2019.

6. File No. PLSRA2019041: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10363, registered January 16, 2020.

7. File No. PLSRA2019043: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10354, registered January 15, 2020.

8. File No. PLSRA2019044: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 22, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 5, 6, and 7, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10262, registered July 18, 2019.

9. File No. PLSRA2019048: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Part 4, 5, and 6, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10369, registered February 6, 2020.

10. File No. PLSRA2019076: Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10345, registered January 8, 2020.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection and additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclending@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, June 11, 2020** at the hour of 9:00 AM At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard by contacting the undersigned. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, June 25, 2020**.

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Goat's adventures lead to Gull River rescue

from page 12

Wilkinson. "And I would get messages through Facebook, phone calls, 'oh, we saw him here, we saw him here, back behind this farm.' I got to know everyone on Deep Bay Road because they were all keeping an eye out for him."

With each call, Wilkinson would pack up her young kids, or be joined by her husband or older boys and would head out, back into the bush, to look for Huxley.

After quite a few days of searching, Wilkinson thought perhaps her female goat could help lure Huxley into an area where he might be caught. He had been seen in the area of Windover Drive, in Minden, so she and Codie, her eldest, went into the forest there.

"Everytime I got close to him I would spook him, so I thought, you know what, I'm just going to tie Daisy to a tree, and walk away far enough that maybe we could get him in and then I would capture him," said Wilkinson. "Sure enough, he came back, he got close enough, I jumped out for him and he freaked."

Wilkinson ran after Huxley, calling Codie to ask him to retrieve Daisy and meet her at a neighbour's farm.

And then she encountered a bear.

"The bear came bolting down the side of this rock cut, and I'm like, oh my God I have to get out of here," said Wilkinson. "So I'm barrelling through this big bush screaming, the bear's running beside me and all of a sudden it turns to the left and chased off."

Again, Wilkinson was left with hysteria.

"All I could think was, oh my gosh, my son's in the bush with this baaing goat and this bear has now taken off in that direction," she said. She screamed into the bush for Codie, phoned his cell phone, which he wasn't picking up, phoned her husband then finally received a call from Codie, who was fine, but had left his phone in the car.

"So I said, we're out," said Wilkinson. "We're out. I'm not going back into the bush. I'm just not doing it."

But more and more sightings were coming in daily, more toward the Windover area, or on the Walker's farm.

"By this time, we had most of Deep Bay Road helping us out at every chance we would get," she said. Tyler Stamp would every so often get a photo of Huxley on his trail cam and send Wilkinson a photo, saying, "if nothing else, we know he's still alive."

"At this point, I'm going, do I just give up and let this be a wild neighbourhood goat, or what?" said Wilkinson.

On May 27, 12 days after Huxley had darted into the bush, Wilkinson's husband returned home to ask if there had been any sightings that day.

"I said no, I haven't heard anything," said Wilkinson. "And with that, my phone starts going, cha-ching, cha-ching, cha-ching."

She was getting tagged on posts as people throughout Haliburton County shared the message: "CanoeFM has spotted a black and white goat running down Bobcaygeon Road into Minden."

"I'm like, come on, like he's made it all the way to Minden," laughed Wilkinson.

"I hop in the car and I do a little drive around Bobcaygeon Road and Minden – nothing," she said. "I go down behind the Rivercove and I see this couple standing there. I pull up alongside them and say, 'you haven't by any chance seen ...' The woman goes, 'seen a white and black goat?' I said, 'yes!'"

Wilkinson was directed by the couple toward the Anglican Church on Invergordon Avenue, the last place Huxley had been spotted. There he was, sitting right in front of the

doors of the church.

"I look up into the skies and I thank my grandfather and the reason I do that is because my grandfather was an Anglican minister," said Wilkinson. "I thought, this is a sign. This means he has to come home."

Huxley escaped the blanket Wilkinson threw on him, and raced down Invergordon Avenue.

"So I leave my car, the car's running, the trunk is open, literally my wallet and keys are all in it, and I'm running through the whole neighbourhood's backyard," said Wilkinson. "I hear this car pull up beside me and they roll down the window and yell, 'we got you covered on this side.' I'm like, this is awesome. People are coming outside. The whole Invergordon neighbourhood is now on my side, we're chasing goats. A little boy came out and helped me."

All the way down the street, Wilkinson saw Huxley turn into someone's garage. Thinking finally, he was trapped and they could capture him, her heart broke to find that the back door of the garage was open and Huxley was still on his runaway adventure.

"I was like, no," said Wilkinson. "I can't win for trying. I'm literally almost in tears again because I'm wiped by this point. I'm not out of shape, but I'm out of shape, okay. We've been on COVID-19 treat time, OK? This is insane, what is going on? I'm running, this little boy is running with me, I have this other guy, he's like, 'I chased goats back in the day on a farm, I've got you covered too,' and he's running like ... like a goat catcher would run. I'm like, run, I'll catch up."

Finally, hearing a commotion down the street, Wilkinson ran to find that Huxley had jumped into the Gull River, and Eric Whitty had jumped in after him, pulling him into his arms and bringing him to shore, safe at last.

"I come around, he's soaking, my goat is wet, I'm crying," said Wilkinson. "I'm thinking, I could kiss you and hug you and I could risk COVID-19 just to thank you. I couldn't believe someone, a stranger at that, had jumped in the river for my goat."

Wilkinson said that Whitty had put an end to an adventure that included so many people willing to help.

"It really made me think, I am so happy I live in a small community, because the support I had over a goat was amazing. I can't thank the community enough for keeping their eyes out for him, and helping in any way, shape or form that they could. It was just awesome."

Wilkinson said the story is hard to believe, but one she hopes to turn into a children's book – The Adventures of Huxley the Goat.

"You wouldn't believe it was true unless you knew everyone on the street that was saying, yep, she ran through this, she ran through this, she did this," said Wilkinson. "My husband loves our animals, but the hobby farm is my idea, not his, and he was out there every night with me, ordering lassos on Amazon, everything we could get to get this thing, my dad was hiking in the bush with me, my brother-in-law, my kids."

Wilkinson said the fear and worry she experienced was dreadful, wondering if Huxley was surviving in the woods. But now that he's home, the days are filled instead with laughter at the memory of his adventures, and how they ended – while Wilkinson was wearing a shirt that said, "whatever floats your goat."

Now, Huxley is home, learning about fenced yards, and doing just fine as he settles in.

"He's learning," said Wilkinson. "I've got friends here, I've got safety, I've got food. I don't have to be a wild goat."



Organizers of the Minden Minor Baseball League, Tammy and Craig Smith are saddened about cancelling this year's season, as the result of safety measures for reducing the spread of the coronavirus. Later this year, if safe, the league is looking to hold informally held games and instruction on Monday evenings./
DARREN LUM Staff

No ball for Minden youth this summer

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Like much of everything this year, the Minden Minor Baseball League's 2020 season has been officially cancelled.

Organizers Tammy and Craig Smith made the official announcement on May 25 through the league's Facebook page, calling it a "sad day for MMBL."

"Even though the full season won't happen, we have made plans that if and when the social distancing ban is lifted we are going to offer Monday night MMBL fun nights, pay as you go: games, skills, practices and anything else we can do to keep the kiddos into baseball and to keep active. We will be contacting players' parents and sponsors about refunds by email shortly," Tammy wrote on Facebook. "Stay safe and know that we are here for you all and will do what we can, when we can."

Before their announcement, there was hope for a season.

Registration was performed online this year and there were 35 children signed up to play this season. During past years, the league has included children as young as three up to youth aged 17. Eight coaches and upwards of 12 assistants were also committed to assist the league for the season before it was

cancelled. The league's season also included the Dawson Hamilton Memorial Tournament and an end-of-year barbecue.

The Smiths have been helping run the league for close to a dozen years, but officially assumed control of youth league and made the league a not-for-profit, taking over from the Minden Hills Township in 2018.

It's always been an effort rooted in passion for the Minden couple, who love the game of baseball and wanted to share their passion for the game with the community's youth. The league encouraged teamwork and fair play.

The couple apologize for cancelling the season.

"We want to express how sorry we are and we don't like feeling like we're letting the kids down because that's what we're here for is to help out the kids, keep them active and enjoy the wonderful game of baseball," she wrote. "We would like to thank everyone who signed up and our sponsors and of course the volunteers without their dedication we do not have a league and we hope that if social distancing becomes a thing in our past that we can call on the volunteers and sponsors once again to assist us in making something happen for the kids. We hope everyone stays safe and healthy and we will have a great league again for the 2021 season."



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Disco Nap

I'M NOT SOMEONE who typically takes an afternoon nap but I have recently been introduced to the Disco Nap. The online Urban Dictionary defines it as "sleeping when ya got something going later on that you need to get ready for." In my case, it happens when my energy fades in the afternoon and I need a recharge. I would like to make it part of a regular routine because it sounds like such great idea when it comes to taking a break in the middle of the day.

There are many benefits from taking a nap such as:

- Great way to relax in the middle of a busy day.
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- Improve your mood.
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LAURIE SWEIG
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There are a couple of things to remember if this is something that you're interested in trying. The first is short naps are best. Twenty minutes is the maximum amount of time to spend horizontal. The second thing is to nap before 3 pm so there is less risk of it messing up your regular sleep cycle. Of course, if you're napping to get ready for some big night out then when you nap doesn't really matter.

The thing I really like about this idea is that it's all about taking a break midday. There are still benefits to be gained even if you don't actually sleep. The key part of this is that you lie down, close your eyes and attempt to stop thinking.

We so rarely give ourselves the opportunity to stop and rest. I am guilty of this. I have my list of things to get done in a day and it's hard not to push through the fatigue. I am realizing though that my focus wanes and I become less productive. Starting tomorrow I am going to build in my version of a Disco Nap. I'm going to start with 10 minutes. I just put it in my calendar. How about you?

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.

UPCOMING Community Event

Environment Haliburton virtual café

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E Learning vs In school Learning

From what I have experienced, it is much easier to learn in the classroom than at home. During this time we are not able to learn in school and have been learning online. It has taught me the difficulties of this and I almost miss going to school. Many tasks were much easier to do with support constantly around you and fewer distractions. I believe that learning in the classroom is much better than learning online at home.

Inside of school there is less distraction than learning at home. Since the phone ban in Ontario we can no longer have them in classrooms so students can't be distracted by them and start watching videos or checking social media. At home, we can do these things whenever we like and it is much harder to stay focused.

Also, at school if someone is off task their teacher will always tell them to get back to work whereas at home, you do not have this

and you have to decide for yourself. While there are many apps and extensions to help people by doing things like blocking sites or rewarding you for working, many don't have the initiative to download them and would prefer to not do their work. School also has a set schedule with certain times to do certain subjects and set break times like lunches and recesses. I find that this always helps me get everything done rather than only the easy work in subjects I like.

Communication and student support is easier in classrooms. The teacher is always in the classroom and students can ask for help at any time without having to wait for teachers to check their emails or read a comment. This helps clear confusion and gets work done faster. As well, students can ask classmates for help or an explanation. Right now people can text or call their friends but they might not respond and not everybody knows everybody.

Another thing that works better in school is group projects. If we were to have a group project right now each group would have to make a group chat and work would be harder to pass around. Communication would be

difficult and some group members might not have a phone and would be harder to contact, only being able to talk to them via emails.

Schools are a separate work environment from home that students can't have right now. People think of school as a place to get things done and work. They think of home as a place to rest and play. It's very hard to work at home when you want to take a nap in the bed right beside you. Some people may have a home office but with parents working from home it will likely be occupied.

While there are bad things to being in school like, students having to wake up early, loud classmates etc. I still think that being in school is superior to learning from home. Although we can't learn in school right now it will be better when we can. Besides, kids are staying up late because we don't have to go to school at 8:40 a.m. and we still have loud siblings to bother us. Overall, learning in school is more convenient and better than learning at home.

Nicole Lee
Grade 7 ASES

I chose E Learning because I find it way more beneficial to the students.

The school I go to does not have air conditioning. This makes the classrooms very hot and uncomfortable in the summer. It makes it very hard to concentrate on the work you are supposed to be doing. In our homes however we commonly have air conditioning or a fan to cool ourselves down. Even though they usually have a fan in the classroom it doesn't do much. It is a big room and there is a lot of body heat in it.

It is usually very noisy and disruptive in the classrooms. Rather than sitting in a hard uncomfortable plastic chair, you can sit in a more comfortable seat in your home while doing work. It is normally very hard to concentrate in a classroom because there is usually noise or people trying to talk to you. It is way easier to concentrate without all those

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distractions surrounding you.

On school days you have to get up early to get ready. When I go to school I mainly get up around 7 o'clock and go to bed at 9 o'clock. Throughout the day I am generally tired and always yawning. I can concentrate much better when I am well rested. I have found I am well rested and able to concentrate more when I don't have to wake up at an ungodly time in the morning.

Since we aren't going to school we don't have to ride the bus. I find the bus to be very noisy and loud not to mention slow. My bus is usually filled with screaming people and it is very tiring. It regularly takes 15 minutes to get to Minden from my house. However the bus takes 30 to 40 minutes of yelling people. It is also good for the environment. The school buses not running decrease the amount of pollution.

We may not have as much help but I find E Learning way more productive.

*Alissa Mantle
Grade 7 ASES*



Trillium Lakelands District School Board has asked students and teachers to share examples of how they are using their time at home to "Feed All Four," the school board's framework to connect physical, mental and social/emotional health and wellness to teaching and learning. Look in next week's Times for more photos of ASES students and teachers supporting their body, mind, spirit and emotions.

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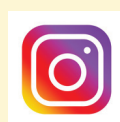
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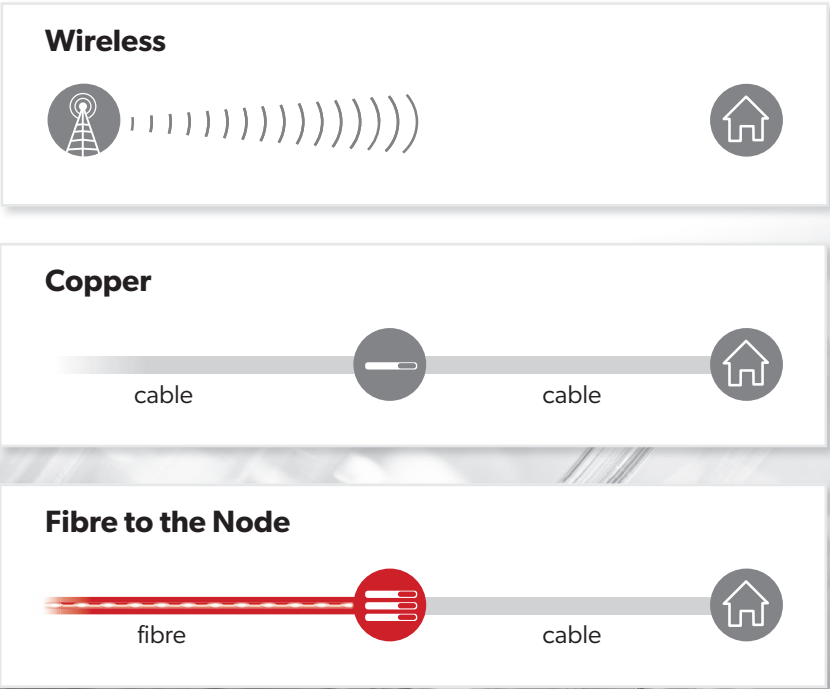


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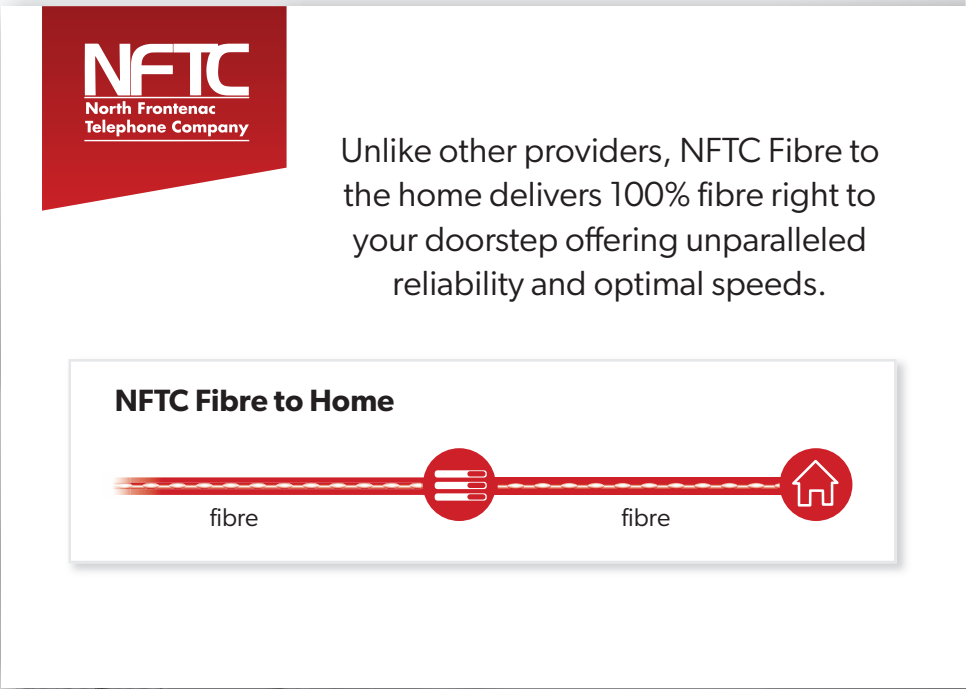
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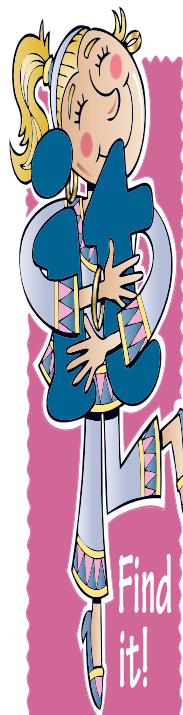
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Private Family Arrangements. Cremation has taken place.

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Words used to describe him include outrageous, mastermind and Design Guru. But they cannot reflect the true size of his personality, or his generosity.

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Sinclair returned to his roots in the Minden Hills, where he retired but did not rest. There he was a food bank volunteer, the founder of Minden Pride, a dedicated member of his church, and much more. His family would like to thank the caring staff at Peterborough Regional Health Centre.

Thank you to his friends for all their wonderful tributes, that can be summed up with this; "He's already organizing the drag queens in heaven to entertain and shock the throngs with music, colour, humour, celebration and naughtiness."

Cremation has taken place. Interment at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery, Carnarvon Ontario, at a later date.

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They came, they sawed, they chopped

Peg and Dave Engasser of Courtland, NY make the sawdust fly during the Jack and Jill Crosscut competition at the ninth annual Ontario Timbersport Championships in Minden on Saturday. More than 70 competitors from across North America were on hand to test their skills. For more photographs see page 19.



Follow the leader

Like the Pied Piper, OPP Cadet Ryan Lucas leads hundreds of Archie Stouffer Elementary School children through Minden Monday. The Torch Run is being held in communities across Ontario to raise funds for the Special Olympics, which will be held in Sault Ste. Marie in August. A similar run, involving school children, was held in Haliburton and Dorset. The local effort added \$1,100 to the Special Olympics fund.

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ASKING \$249,000
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NEW LISTING



Jennifer Bacon*
Dean Michel*
705-286-2138
x28

Shadow Lake \$699,000

- Over 300 feet of prime Shadow Lake waterfront on 16 vacant acres
- Developed shoreline is sandy with a gradual, easy entry. Potential for severance



Adele Barry
705-457-0306

Haliburton Lake \$899,000

- 3-bedroom 2.5 bath modern lakefront home
- Spectacular view, deep water off the dock
- Renovated Boathouse, 2 double car garages
- 1280 Sq Ft garage/shop with high ceilings



SOLD



Drew Bishop**
Kristin Bishop**
457-2128 x23

Spar Lake \$359,000

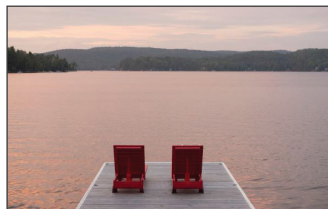
- 1186 sq ft cottage on no motor Spar lake
- Open living spaces, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths
- 126 ft on the water and just under an acre provides exceptional privacy



Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Who Am I?

- Licensed 13 years
- Environmental Consultant to Kushog Lake
- Graduate degree in Environmental Studies
- All work history in real estate and finance



Andy Campbell
854-0292

COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Many profitable businesses for sale listed on MLS
- Let's talk about your talents and find a fit



COMING SOON



Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

Redstone Home/Cottage-NW EXP

- Yr Rd, 3 Bdrm, Den, Haliburton Room, W/O Lower
- 2-3pc 1-4 Pc Bath, Propane FP, Wood, Oil Furnace
- Priv, Level, Sun & Shade, Sandy, Walkin To Swim



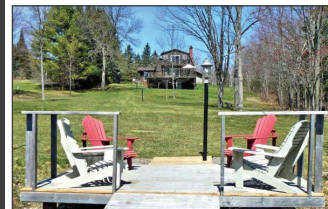
NEW LISTING



Mark Denny's*
457-0473

Kashagawigamog Lk Lt \$469,000

- Apprx 140 Ft Frtg, 1.1 Acres
- Level Lot, NW Exp, 5 Lake Chain
- Between Minden & Haliburton
- Call for Further Details



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Country Home on the Gull \$579,000

- Immaculate Riverfront Property
- 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, high and dry
- So many features, minutes to town
- Call for direct for more information



NEW LISTING



Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Brady Lake Lot \$109,999

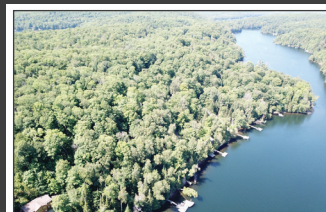
- Western Exposure for sun all day
- Dead end road between Property & Lake
- Partially owned waterfront
- Stunning water views



Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Irondale River \$439,000

- Beautifully maintained home or cottage on a spacious lot
- 24' x 20' garage with finished loft/rec room
- Ideal waterfront, clean swimming, miles of kayak & canoeing



Susanne James*
& Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Long Lake Lots

- 3 lots available on Precipice Rd. Long Lake.
- Deep clean 2-lake chain with Miskwabi Lake
- Priced at \$129,900 \$199,900 and \$209,900
- All with easy road access. 20 mins to Haliburton Village



SOLD



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Black Lake \$225,000

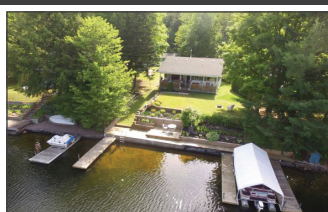
- A classic boat access cottage
- 2 bedrooms + loft for overflow
- Screened room 3 pc bath



Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

East Moore Lake \$799,000

- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
- Open concept interior, sunroom & WO to deck
- 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large second level loft
- Extreme privacy, to 239' of deep clean shoreline



Karen Nimigon*
457-6505

Moore Lake \$429,500

- Turnkey, 3 season cottage under 2H from the GTA
- Spacious open concept interior w/ 3 bedrooms
- On a 3-lake chain W/ rippled sand shore & West Exp.



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Industrial Park Rd \$1,350,000

- 12,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this building!



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Loop Road \$220,000

- Food Truck and 1100+ sq.ft building with multiple uses.
- Good location.



NEW LISTING



Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Gull River \$450,000

- Updated riverside home or 4-season cottage
- 170' of riverfront, boat to Gull Lake or into town
- Open concept with 3 bedrooms & 2 baths



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Miskwabi Lake \$449,000

- Idyllic 1920 Sq Ft country home
- 2+2 Bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms
- Open concept living, fully renovated
- Deeded access to Miskwabi Lake



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Executive Home \$549,000

- Bungalow w/finished walk-out lower level
- 4 Bdrms, 2.5 baths, Cathedral Ceilings
- On Beaver Creek, 2 acres,
- Det'd Dbl Garage & Det'd Insulated, Heated Shop



Lindsay Wilkinson*
286-2138 x 23

Cameron Lake \$750,000

- 1-year old construction, shows like a model
- 3 bedroom, 2 baths, plus room to grow
- Relax at this quiet motor restricted lake.



SOLD



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Long Lake \$419,900

- Meticulous, year-round 2-bedroom cottage
- Attached Bunkie for extra sleeping
- South-facing lot, 115 feet of sandy shoreline

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